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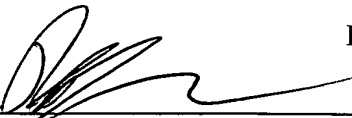
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- ☒ Applicant wishes to advise the examiner that applications #'s 09/604,564, 09/604,944, 09/604,939, 09/604,946, 09/604,174, 09/604,636, 09/604,540, 09/604,222, 09/604,541, 09/604,518, 09/604,543 all filed June 27, 2000 and application #'s 10/858,890 filed June 2, 2004, 10/871,739 filed June 18, 2004 , and MSFT-4470-Serial number not yet assigned filed September 17, 2004 are **pending**. Some of these applications share substantially identical specifications, or have specifications that contain overlapping material. Moreover, some of the applications have overlapping sets of inventors.

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